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Re: Application # 10/005,644  
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Dear Patent Examiners :

Several months ago, ( 08/ 19/ 2004 ), the Patent Office again issued us correspondence indicating publication of our patent would occur during 10/28/ 04. Since that time there has been no further notice or correspondence. I ask you again, please look into the reality of this situation. We realize your work load must be huge. If we can be of help, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell B. Huffman".

Russell B. Huffman  
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